

“The Presidents Message”

By Eric Hubbard

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Spring Has Sprung! At least in the valley.

I've seen as many club members this month as in any other, but I haven't heard of many exceptional finds. Either everyone's keeping them secret, or there hasn't been near as many as last months entries. It will be interesting to see Thursday night.

For everyone that lives in Salt Lake, watch for those new construction sites! Things are picking up. For us “Ghost Towners”, we still have another month of waiting for snow to melt. Still enough time to do some extensive research.

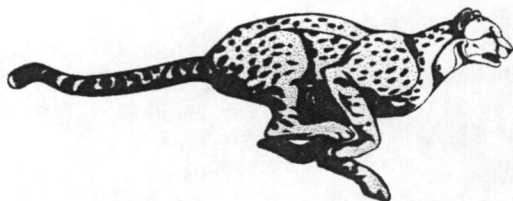
Myself, I'm looking forward to a trip back to my hometown in Missouri. My primary goal being a LARGE cent. Something not unheard of in Utah, but still kind of scarce.

Our speaker this month is Phil Cadorgna. One of our own members. He'll be sharing his knowledge on Turn of the Century, Inter-Urban Transportation. [(Try typing that ten times real fast!) PHEW Sorry Eric, now back to the presidents message.] Phil has shared some interesting stories and experiences with us in the past, I'm sure he'll be an excellent speaker and you wont want to miss out.

Hope to see you all there Thursday night.

Eric

Hmmmm...



Wagon masters Report

By: Dave Kyte

Congratulations to all the "Find of The Month" winners for February. Being new to this job, we were bound to make a few mistakes. We miscounted on some of the votes. (Bob Campbell took 1st place in all categories?) We sincerely apologize and have re-adjusted the points and places.

Well, it's spring again! Flowers are popping up, birds are chirping and metal detectors are beeping... It's time for our first club hunt. We will be going to Iosepa (see map) on April 18th and 19th. This place is close enough for a one day hunt on either Saturday or Sunday, or both!

There have been some Barber coins, Indian Heads and interesting relics found there over the years. I found a GOLD ring there, myself. No tokens have been found yet though.

This site is on private property, so we should treat it with respect! Remember to fill ALL your holes and carry your garbage out with you. It might be a good idea to bring a lunch, drinks, extra batteries and clothes to accommodate Utah weather.

Let's all go, and have fun.

Dave

Thanks to Geneal Close for submitting this news article. We appreciate it.

Ghost town donated

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — This donation was a little too big to fit into one of the Salvation Army's usual gift receptacles.

An entire ghost town, the once-thriving desert mining community of Sasco, has been given to Salvation Army chapters in Tucson and El Paso, Texas.

"Rarely does any charity get a million-dollar gift — much less the deed to a ghost town," said Greg Bodine, director of planned giving for the Southern Arizona and El Paso Salvation Army.

Find of The Month

February (Winter Finds)

Oct 17, 1812

Sir Francis Bacon- Gets Fried!!!

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U.S. Coin-
Foreign Coin-
Token-
Jewelry-

Artifact-
Button-
Non-Metal

Peoples Choice Bottle
Oldest U.S. Cent-
Oldest U.S. Coin-
Most Valuable U.S. Coin-

Tim Rose
Dave Kyte
Bruce Dugger
Jeff Cornelison
Jerry Couch
Jeff Cornelison
Bruce Dugger
Jeral Smith
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Bruce Dugger
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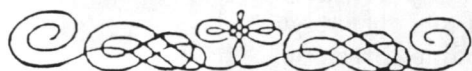
1921 Silver Dollar
1891 One Ore
Oquirrh Pool Hall Tooel
Gold Pendant w/chain
Gold CTR Ring
U.S. Breastplate
Dragoon Officer
Peltier Marble
Everett & Barren Bottle
Peach Slag Marble
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1854 Large Cent
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1853 3cent Piece

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Miscellaneous
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It is difficult to imagine a more startling contrast from dense, lush vegetation, beautifully colored flowers, with delicious fruit growing on every hand, and fish for the taking in a constant even climate to harsh, barren ground, studded by squat juniper and pinion trees, dull gray sagebrush, where pine nuts have to be grubbed for in the right season, and the weather is extreme — running blast furnace hot on summer days, and Arctic cold in winter. From the cool, rolling surf and sparkling beaches to dry, cracked and hardened land where even the “jack rabbits have to carry canteens.”

Mormon missionaries had been sent to the Sandwich Islands, later to be known as the Hawaiian Islands, to preach the gospel and were quite successful among the people. Many of the natives were converted to the new teachings, which correlated with their own legends.

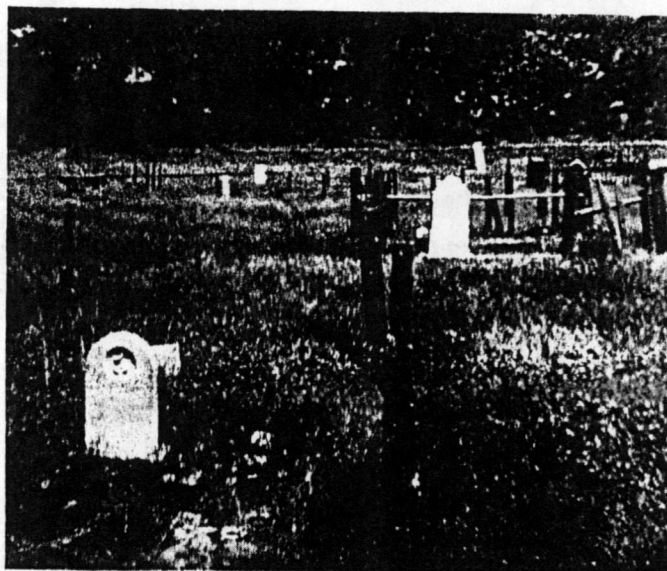
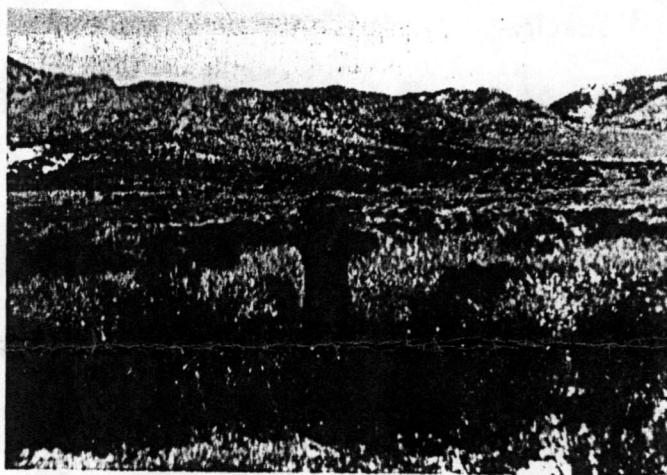
In the middle 1880's, many of the Hawaiians were well-versed in the gospel and desired to come to Utah, see the city the Saints had built and participate in the temple ceremonies. These people were faithful in their desires although they received no encouragement from Church leaders in Salt Lake City. About 50 Islanders from the Kanaka tribe came and were very impressed with the city and its people and desired to stay so they could work in the temple. By 1887 another 25 had come over and all were housed just north of Salt Lake City on a temporary basis. Most of them were unskilled at industrial activities, they were having difficulty with the language and cultural differences and they felt they would rather have their own colony. The Church authorities, in searching all the neighboring counties, found that all the best land in large areas was already taken. The Hawaiians were insistent on staying, however, so in 1889 a 1280 acre ranch 20 miles south of the Great Salt Lake, in the “romantic-sounding” haven of a place called Skull Valley was purchased for them.

The contrast already stated was, if anything, understated, it certainly was not exaggerated. The Kanakas probably looked down their noses at some of the good farmland they had seen, in comparison with what they were used to, even if it was unavailable, and now they had to settle for this bleak, forbidding desert tract.

There was plenty of land, but only a trickle of water from a spring up in the western foothills of the Stansbury Mountains. The land was deeded such that there would actually be enough water for the colony but none for anyone else who might wish to settle nearby and be a potential cause for difficulties. The new colonists spent the winter in the existing ranch buildings, learning the definition of Utah winter. Next spring a mile-square townsite was surveyed so that each adult male and widow drew lots. The Church also built ten houses, a school building and chapel to get the town started. The amazing thing is that the whole group

of Islanders didn't pack up and go back. But they had a deeply religious faith that kept them close to Salt Lake City. They then named their little town Iosepa, pronounced Yo-sē-pa or Yo-see-pa, in honor of the sixth president of the Latter-day Saint Church, Joseph F. Smith.

A grocery store for essential staples was built in the townsite, more homes were erected and folks got started in beautifying their town. High in the hills, concrete troughs were built to catch and control every bit of water possible, which was channeled into an aqueduct along with spring water and brought down into town in underground concrete water pipes. A water system was installed which included regularly-spaced fire hydrants; wide straight streets were graded and lined with poplar and cottonwood trees; the sidewalks were edged with yellow roses.



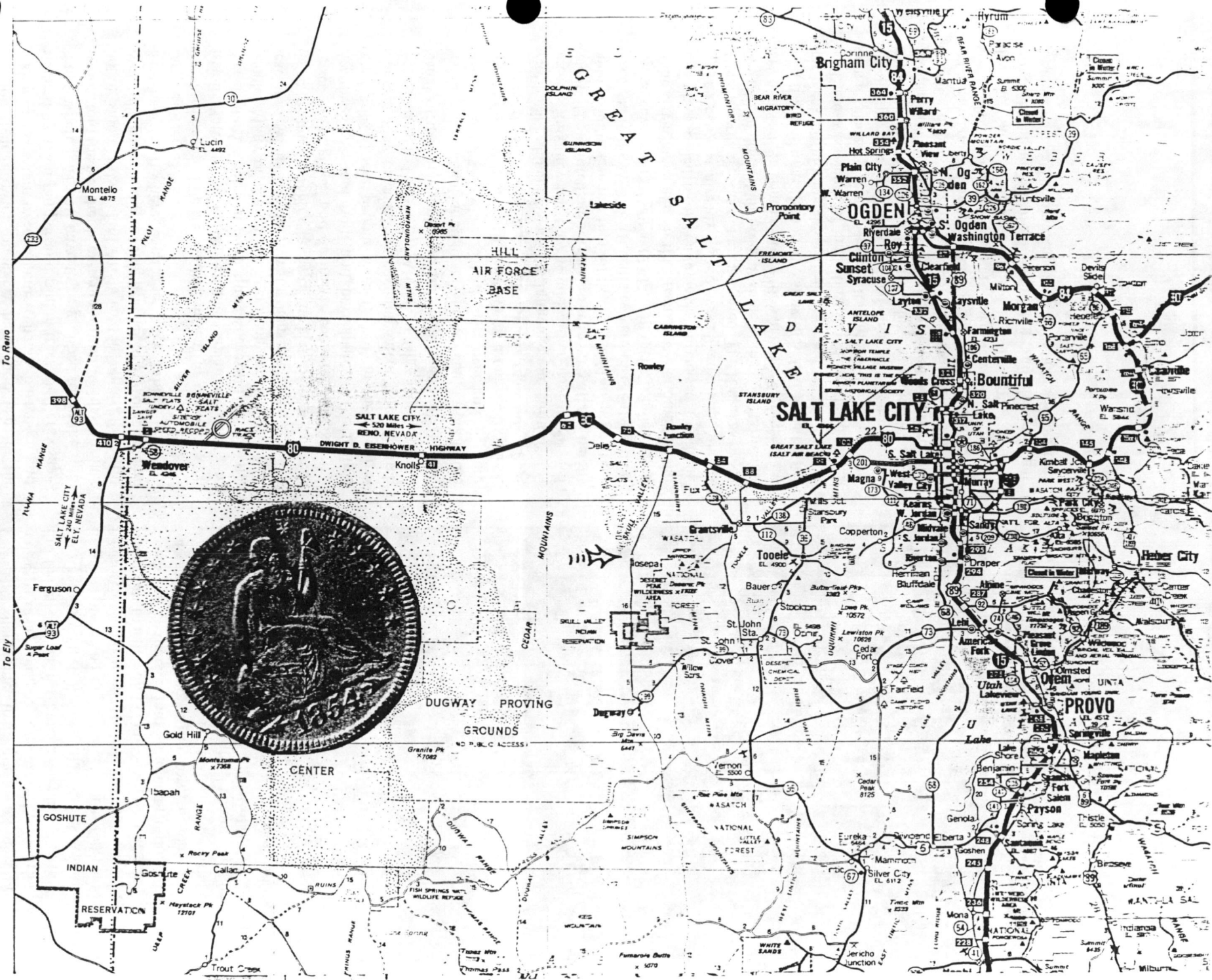
For almost thirty years Hawaiian Islanders eked out a living in lonely Iosepa. The cemetery with soft-sounding Polynesian names is on the National Historic Register. A line of fire hydrants sticking up out of the desert is one of the most unlikely things a passer-by would expect to see.

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Well, well, well. Vote for yourself will-ya?

Come-on people... How can you possibly go home after the monthly meeting and feel good about yourself after putting your number and only your number in the vote/tally sheet you turned in. Especially when you only won one or two categories. Do you really think that 1997 clad penny is worth voting 1st place for. I think not, and so do the Wagon masters, that's why this was brought to my attention. Besides the only person who enters all eleven categories and wins them is, The Famous, The One, The Only, Mr. Lucky himself... Bruce Dugger. The rest of us don't have a chance. Anyway, be honest when you're placing your votes. If you feel your entry deserves a 1st place vote, then mark it as such. Otherwise mark who ever has the best entry. I'd hate to have to actually type the names of the people who vote strictly for themselves in next months news letter. Then again it might be fun. I could use my new fancy **FONT** program in bold type.

We went from 68+ news letters for the first two months of this year to 30 something. The reason is, is because a lot of people have yet to pay there dues including myself. I have an excuse though. I'm married and my wife wont let me leave the house with more than \$10.00 at a time, and if I pay my dues with it then I wont be able to enter the raffles and win the wonderful cool coins and tokens the wagon masters are buying. For the rest of you who I know are all extremely wealthy, you need to pay for your dues to get the letter. I guess I'm writing this in vain though because since the people who haven't paid their dues wont be receiving one and they wont see what I've written. That's o.k. I'm having fun.

Please notice that Bob Campbell (whos^{HOME} phone number is unlisted) has submitted a pre-issue order form for the newest and greatest token book "UTAH TRADE TOKENS". I used a calculator because my addition is terrible and my subtraction is even worse. The subtraction I'm used to is my wife seeing me with money and she promptly subtracts it from me. Now that's subtraction. The reason I'm heading in this tangent is because you have a great opportunity placed before you. If you place your order now you save like.... let's seeee, ummmmmmmmm. YES a kazillion dollars. O.k. you save \$11.74 plus S&H. That may not be as much as a kazillion, but it's still a lot. Pre-issue prices are in effect til May 15th. The delivery date is April 1st. If I understand correctly the pre-issue price carries over the actual delivery date, but there's no reason to wait. Please place your orders as soon as possible.

The notorious Jeral Smith would like to extend a big thank-you to all who helped him move his metal detecting and prospecting business J&J Metal Detectors across the street from his previous location to 7802 South State St. His new location not only has a receptionist and access to a copy machine and fax machine, but also has great parking (right in front) and easy accessability off State street from either north or south direction. The building is easy to recognize. It's part of the Midvalley Glass building. Enter through the south door. You will notice the familiar YELLOW lettering that stands out so well. It reads J&J Metal Detectors... The business hours are 10:00-6:00 Tuesday-Saturday and by appointment Sunday and Monday. The phone number is the same. He can be contacted at the times above at 567-1122. You should stop by and see his new display case with all the neat stuff he has found, bought and traded for over the years.

Enjoy the nice spring weather. Jeff

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By H. Robert Campbell

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